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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/806,059

Applicant(s)

BARKER, PAMELA J.

Examiner

Andrew W. Sutton

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/27/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 4-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/27/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant states that the limitation of "the gelatinous cushion is thin enough to fit within a glove" is not taught by the prior art. Mah (US 5,689,828) discloses (Col. 1 lines 30-34) that there is a need for a new form of glove suited for wearing in conjunction with a catching glove. The examiner interprets this to mean that the glove would be used inside the glove.

Information Disclosure Statement

The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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Claims 4-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mah (US 5,689,828). Mah discloses (column 3 line 6), "thin layer 60 of resilient impact absorbing material. This material may be any impact absorbing material, and includes, ...absorbent gels." Mah illustrates in figure 3 a palm strap 60. Mah also illustrates finger loops 56 and 58. As stated above, Mah discloses (Col. 1 lines 30-34) that there is a need for a new form of glove suited for wearing in conjunction with a catching glove.

As to claims 5 and 13, Mah illustrates (Fig. 3) no thumb attachments on the hand guard 20.

As to claim 6 and 14, Mah discloses in Column 2 line 35, "layers, are preferably constructed from a multi-directional stretchable textile material, such as Lycra."

As to claim 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 18 and 19, Mah discloses the device substantially above. If the device of Mah were put on the opposing hand of the wearer, it would thus have the gel cushion on the dorsal surface of the hand. Palm strap 22, in turn, would be on the palm surface of the hand. The cushion stabilizer 25 would protect the lower surface of the hand. The gel 60 would also protect the lower region of the dorsal surface of the hand.

As to claim 16, the finger loop 56 is arranged to go around a finger of the protected hand.

As to claims 9 and 17, Mah illustrates (Figure 5) thin layer 60 is positioned to protect the palm side of the hand.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew W. Sutton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on (571) 272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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